

# NEWSLETTER

## *Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism*

Club Officers for '98-'99	Board of Directors '97-'99	'98-'00	Past Presidents
President Kevin Underwood	Irv Larsen	Marsha Underwood	Gene Grell, '84-'85
Int. V. Pres. Bob Hibbard	Keith Denton	Bill Stephens	Tom Ryan, '85-'86
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			Al Strohbehn, '91-'92
			Larry Kramer, '92-'93
			John Klein, '93-'94
			Kenneth Graham, '94-'95
			Keith Denton, '95-'96
			Ed Underwood, '96-'97
			Les Harvey, '97-'98

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 13 at 7:20 A.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Come early for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice donuts, and FELLOWSHIP. (This is a good chance to join in the discussion and brag a little) RICH VORTHMANN will have Wendell Haack present to speak to us about the challenges in specialty cattle business.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

19 members were present as Pres. Kevin inducted Craig McClelland into membership. Craig's sponsor Bob Hibbard pinned the official membership pin on him. George won the 50/50 pot and B.Stephens the attendance pot.

George donated \$1.00 after we honored him with "Happy Birthday." Keith donated \$1 as he announced his wedding anniversary. (I think we missed Ken Graham's BD and G.Seran's anniversary?)

John reminded members to sign the card at PO to the girls State-Bound BB Team. John also said he had the East Park reserved for a joint Jr.Treynor Women and Optimist Club event on Aug. 7; and he reminded members of the Free Swim Day March 14 at Kirn Pool.

Pres.Kevin told members the horse show date is August 15.

Keith shared some challenges parents of Jr.Class students meet in planning bigger and better After Prom Party.

John suggested the fund raising activity in Treynor collecting redeemable 5¢ cans and bottles could be a good year-round activity, shared by various fund-raising groups.

REMINDER: Read the Club By-Laws L.Kramer gave you last week & be prepared to make suggestions for updating them.

This issue prepared by Les Harvey. Sorry I do not have special humor for you. Here are some thoughts on BEING A GOOD OPTIMIST: From Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.—4 Rules for Success: 1. Show up. 2. Pay attention. 3. Ask questions. 4. Don't quit.

--RETIRED GENERAL Colin Powell said: Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.

GOOD ENOUGH NEVER IS! by Debbie Fields, founder of Mrs. Fields Cookies.

### 2nd QUARTER DUES ARE DUE APRIL 1

Treasurer Rich reminds dues of \$12.50 for 2nd quarter are due Apr. 1. Also, ask him about past dues. Your Club pays dues to International Opt. and District at start of each quarter whether you pay your dues or not. Keep the coffers full!

### SNOWBIRD RICH VORTHMANN REPORTS ON HIS 6 WEEKS IN TEXAS

Rich & LuEtta, along with Cal in and Phyllis Hoegh spent the last 6 weeks in and around Brownville, TX with two trips to Mexico. Rich shared highlights with us.

A tour of the world famous Kings Ranch produced impressive details on the origin of the Ranch with young King purchasing 15,000 acres of land @ 2 cents in 1853. Acreage now is over 1 million.

The community of Kingsville was formed when King bought a small destitute town and moved the inhabitants to the Ranch.

Over 100 descendants of King still live on the Ranch or in the Area. All youth in Kingsville who wish to go to college have their tuition paid from community income.

Today the Ranch features cattle, quarter horses, stallions, donkeys to train the quarter horses; and a 37,000 acre farm which raises wheat, sugar cane, cotton, & soybeans.

One day was spent visiting the Port of Brownville where ocean-going freighters dock.

Another day was spent visiting Padre Island but travel was limited by sand drifts over highways.

### CALENDAR

- Mar.13 Club Mtg. Wendell Haack
- Mar.14—Free Swim Day at LC.Pool
- Mar 27, Board Mtg. after Club Mtg.
- Mar. 29—1st Baby Sitting Clinic Session
- Apr. 6, Treynor HS Track Meet, Gatekeepers
- Apr. 10. O.I. President Visit, Amana, IA
- April 22, Adopt-A-Highway, with Cub Scouts
- April 24, Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwd.
- Apr. 25, Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- April 26, Zone Mtg. Underwood UMB

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